

Division Chief in 1994 and became head of the expanded Domestic Social Policy Division in 1999. As Assistant Director for Domestic Social Policy, the largest research division within CRS, Dr. Shipp emphasized the building of analytic capacities, with a special focus on empirical analysis, as a way to enhance CRS' legislative support to Congress. He was instrumental in building CRS capacities in all areas of domestic social policy, in particular health policy analysis, Social Security and disability analysis, homeland and border security, public health preparedness, and housing and welfare policy. He organized and staffed the division to respond to new challenges, in particular the heightened need for expertise in domestic intelligence and counterterrorism after the attacks of September 11, 2001. Dr. Shipp also conceived and implemented an initiative to enhance CRS' strong analytic work in issues associated with the aging of the population, by expanding the division's staff to include new analysts with expertise in specific relevant disciplines. Under Dr. Shipp's leadership, CRS also obtained and developed the capacity to use a micro-simulation model for analysis of the distributional impact of alternative policy options for Social Security reform.

I am informed that Dr. Shipp was an exceptional manager with a clear vision of how CRS should be of service to the Congress. He leaves a strong legacy that will have a profound effect on the Congress for years to come. I know that my colleagues join me in thanking him for his service and wishing him well as he embarks on new challenges ahead.

VERMONT COMPANY BRIDGES THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, today I wish to tell my colleagues in the Senate about a family-owned telephone business in Vermont that has once again led the industry in customer service and technological advances. Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom has successfully delivered high-speed broadband Internet service capability by way of Digital Subscriber Line, DSL, technology to every single one of its customers something most of its competitors have found difficult, if not impossible, to do.

The beautiful rural and mountainous landscape that makes Vermont such a wonderful place to live has proven to be a stubborn barrier in delivering broadband access to every Vermonter. Moreover, as one of the country's most rural States, Vermont struggles to implement large broadband infrastructure investments that reach relatively small population densities. Yet in the Mad River Valley—where Mother Nature has deposited plenty of these beautiful yet stubborn barriers and people settled where they wanted to and not where the roads told them to—Waitsfield and Champlain Valley

Telecom found a way to ensure that their customers have an access ramp to the information super highway.

By making this significant investment in their own network, Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom has invested in the economic vitality of every household it serves. Broadband access is a necessity for the company looking to move to Vermont, for the student writing a research paper, or for the family doing research on an upcoming vacation. So much of our country's economy depends upon high-speed Internet access, and making this access available to every American will require more companies willing to follow the lead of Vermont's own Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom.

Waitsfield and Champlain Valley Telecom is a growing company, but it remains independently owned and operated by the Haskin family, under the leadership of Gregg Haskin. My wife Marcelle and I are proud to call the Haskins close friends, and we are even prouder of the deep commitment they have to their community. We wish them continued success, and I hope that my friends in the Senate will take this story back to their home States and point to this company's model as a key factor toward bridging the digital divide.

IN HONOR OF BRUCE JAMES

Mr. ENSIGN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor a Nevadan whose ingenuity and leadership has changed the way that government operates. Bruce James has served as Public Printer for 4 years, but the impact of his service will be felt indefinitely.

President Bush chose Bruce to head the Government Printing Office because of his extensive experience in the printing industry, beginning when Bruce was 11 years old and set up a basement print shop in Cleveland, OH. His lifetime of work as a printer and executive has been full of great success and accolades, and, combined with his inspiring commitment to public service, he has earned the respect of Nevadans and leaders and organizations around the world.

While businesses in this country have been rapidly transforming and changing to accommodate technology, many sectors of our government have fallen drastically behind. While it is easy to blame bureaucracy and the slow speed at which government generally operates, we must focus our work on keeping pace. That is exactly why Bruce James was ideal for the job of transitioning the Government Printing Office from a 19th century print shop mentality and reputation to a 21st century digital tool for keeping Americans informed.

Bruce has successfully developed and managed printing and publishing ventures driven by technology for more than 30 years. With the same leadership and zeal that he put into private sector enterprises for all those years,

Bruce was determined to turn the Government Printing Office into a state-of-the-art information machine by today's standards.

When Bruce took over the Government Printing Office, the agency had lost \$100 million over the last 5 years. By 2004, Bruce had turned devastating losses into an \$11 million gain. As a staunch fiscal conservative looking to make government as efficient as possible, I applaud Bruce's efforts and ingenuity in turning this agency upside down and making it run more like a business—a successful business. He did so with compassion for the employees, a determination to succeed, and the vision to make it happen.

This country is fortunate to have had Bruce at the helm of the Government Printing Office. He made the agency more fiscally responsible, and he also has made great progress in making government documents more accessible. By the end of 2008, nearly every Federal Government document published since our Nation was founded will be available online.

It is a remarkable achievement, especially considering how far Bruce had to bring the agency to reach this point. In the position for only 4 years, he set a standard for all government agencies today and in the future. When Bruce first spoke to the White House about taking the position, he told them he could not get this sort of transformation done in less than 3 years, and if it took him more than 5, he was not the right person for the job. Turns out he was the perfect person for the job.

As he prepares to complete his term as the Nation's 24th Public Printer, I want to thank Bruce James for his commitment to the job, his respect for the position, and his tremendous contributions to furthering the core mission of the Government Printing Office—keeping America informed.

Nevadans welcome you and Nora home with open arms and great pride for the work you have done. Thank you and God bless you.

HONORING SENATORIAL SERVICE

• Mrs. DOLE. Mr. President, it is an honor indeed to pay tribute to a number of fine individuals who I am fortunate to call not just my colleagues, but also dear friends: Senators Bill Frist, George Allen, Conrad Burns, Lincoln Chafee, Mike DeWine, Rick Santorum and Jim Talent.

BILL FRIST

One of the greatest losses to the Senate is the departure of our majority leader, Dr. Bill Frist. I first became acquainted with Bill when he called me during my time as president of the American Red Cross to say that he would travel to Africa with us to volunteer as a surgeon.

Back then, I immediately recognized Bill's intelligence, integrity and compassion for others. I saw how dedicated he was about sound policy—especially